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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
U.S. AND AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS SERVICES

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED DR. KARL FUCHS IN AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS
ADMINISTRATION OF U.S. OFFER TO START FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
IN VIENNA ON SEPTEMBER 11. DR. FUCHS SAID IT WOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE INTERESTED AUSTRIAN AGENCIES
TO AGREE ON A COMMON POSITION AND OBTAIN NECESSARY
CABINET APPROVAL TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 11.
HIS OFFICE HAS CIRCULATED U.S. DRAFT TO INTERESTED
AGENCIES REQUESTING THEIR COMMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 10. (SO
FAR, ONLY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY HAS REPLIED.)

2. HOWEVER, DR. FUCHS WELCOMES VISIT TO VIENNA
SEPT. 11-15 OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DICKERSON FRO
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON INFORMAL BASIS. FUCHS
INDICATED THAT DICKERSON VISIT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL
IN CLARIFYING U.S. IDEAS AND TERMINOLOGY IN ITS
DRAFT, SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, AND
IN QUOTE PROMOTING THE SPEED OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS
UNQUOTE.

3. DICKERSON COULD PLAN MEET FOR THE INFORMAL TALKS
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WITH DR. FUCHS AND DR. WALTER SCHAMP (OR SCHAMP'S
DEPUTY) IN FINANCE MINISTRY. DICKERSON WOULD ALSO
BE INTRODUCED TO NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS
ADMINISTRATION, DR. KARL PERRELLI.

4. PLEASE CABLE DICKERSON VIENNA TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND
TIME HE SUGGESTS FOR FIRST MEETING (AUSTRIAN GOVERN-
MENT OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS). MEEHAN

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